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ONLINE COMMENTS

## The big debate: A sales tax hike for roads?

'Arizona may be facing a transportation funding crisis, but it's only because the state has let developers off the hook for so long by not charging enough impact fees.'

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The story:

Supporters of a [1-cent sales tax for new roads](#) say they have enough signatures to get the measure on the November ballot.

Your take:

The Citizen's online community smells a rat, or at least a tax gouge. Most readers believe as does Ken O., who made the comment atop the column and who says the tax would fund roads for developers "at the expense of all Arizonans."

Terry H. fears the tax would be diverted to other projects; he trusts government "about as far as I can throw a one-ton block of granite." Ryan K. doesn't trust officials with more tax money because they "can't keep the roads we have now in working condition." John D. thinks Maricopa County will be the principal beneficiary of the tax.

In the minority, S.G. wants the tax to be bumped to a nickel. "Build mass

transit," she suggests. Merle B. wants a bypass to Interstate 10, but not commuter rail, which he terms a "pseudo-railroad."

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